

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section on page 1, beneath the title of the invention:

“CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION”

This application is related to the commonly assigned applications entitled “Foil-Type Switching Element” (Attorney Docket No. ETF-0025), filed concurrently herewith, in the name of Werner Bieck, et al., which is the U.S. National Stage of application PCT/EP2003/050961 having an International Filing Date of 8 December 2003, and “Foil-Type Switching Element with Dielectric Layer” (Attorney Docket No. ETF-0026), filed concurrently herewith, in the name of Werner Bieck, et al., which is the U.S. National Stage of application PCT/EP2003/050962 having an International Filing Date of 8 December 2003, which said applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.”

Replace the subtitle before the first complete paragraph on page 1 as follows:

“IntroductionTECHNICAL FIELD OF INVENTION”.

Please insert the following subtitle before the second paragraph on page 1, between lines 9 and 10:

“BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART”.

Please delete the subtitle ”Object of the Invention” and the following paragraph at lines 12-13 on page 3.

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 3, lines 14-25 with the following rewritten version:

“The present invention provides~~This object is achieved by~~ a foil-type switching element according to claim 1. This foil-type switching element comprises a first carrier foil and a second carrier foil arranged at a certain distance from each other by means of a spacer, said

spacer comprising at least one recess defining an active area of the switching element. At least two electrodes are arranged in the active area of the switching element between said first and second carrier foils in such a way that, in response to a pressure acting on the active area of the switching element, the first and second carrier foils are pressed together against the reaction force of the elastic carrier foils and an electrical contact is established between the at least two electrodes. According to the invention, at least one of said carrier foils comprises a multi-layered configuration with at least two layers of different materials.”

Please delete the subtitle ”List of reference signs” and the following five lines on page 11.

Delete page 12 in its entirety.